

In the Abstract:

Please replace the existing Abstract with the following new Abstract:

A pneumatic tire has two belt layers, each having a plurality of strip pieces formed by pulling together and rubberizing a plurality of steel cords. Strip piece width, strip piece thickness, belt layer cord angle with respect to a tire circumferential direction, numbers of the strip pieces of inner and outer belt layers, and circumferential lengths of the inner and outer belt layers are respectively denoted by A , G , θ , N_1 , N_2 , L_1 and L_2 . N_2 is equal to N_1 , and N_1 is an integer satisfying $L_1 = N_1 \times A / \sin \theta$. The inner belt layer is formed by joining the N_1 strip pieces so each side of each strip piece is butted with one side of another strip piece. The outer belt layer is formed by aligning the N_2 strip pieces on the inner belt layer in the tire circumferential direction with spaces of width $2\pi G / N_2$ disposed between adjacent strip pieces.